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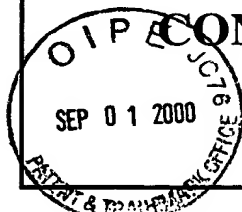
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Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application	6563
	First Named Inventor	Gary Dean Lavon, et al.
	Examiner Name	K. Reichle
	Group/Art Unit	3761
	Express Mail Label No.	EK577219330US

This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/828,005,
filed on March 27, 1997, entitled ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. §154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of the CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
- ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
- Information disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
 - ☐ PTO-1449
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16 (c) or (i))	19	- 20*	0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16 (b) or (i))	1	- 3**	0	x \$78.00 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$260.00 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	\$690.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$690.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.					
** Reissue independent claims over original patent.					
TOTAL =					\$690.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18.

8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.9. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____

[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]

10. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)

- b.
- ☒
- Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)

11. ☐ Other: The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated _ in the parent of the above-identified continuation application to preserve pendency of said parent application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$.00 for a -month extension of time.

NOTE: The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Gary Dean LaVon et al. :
Continuation Prosecution Application
Serial No.: 08/828,005 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed: March 27, 1997 : Examiner K. Reichle
Title: Absorbent Articles Having Removable
Components :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified continuation prosecution application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 6 after "by" and before "at least one" please insert --the--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached pages 2/12, 3/12, 5/12, 8/12, 10/12, and 11/12 for the originally filed drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 14 without prejudice.

Please rewrite Claim 11-12, 17, 20, 32, and 37-39 as follows:

11. (4th Amendment) An absorbent article, the article having at least one removable absorbent core component, a first waist region, a second waist region, and a crotch region positioned between the first waist region and the second waist region, the absorbent article further comprising:

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